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KAGARI'S GONE?!

HOW CAN THIS BE?!

HE ISN'T...

AFTER KAGARI, HE'S AFTER THE...

SHIN-TAIGOU.

SO WHY DID HE TAKE KAGARI, WHO'S JUST A SUBORDINATE?

SINCE KABUKI SEIGAN IS THE SWORN ENEMY OF THE KATANA HOUSE, THE ONE HE'S AFTER SHOULD BE OUR LORD.

KABUKI-SEIGAN.

AN UPSTART WARLORD BASED AROUND OUMI AND KOUGA WHO CAME TO RAPID PROMINENCE IN RECENT YEARS.

HE BUILT A FORTRESS THAT HE NAMED 'ITEN CASTLE' ON THE EASTERN BANK OF LAKE BIWA,

AND FROM THERE HE'S BEEN CONQUERING NEARBY STATES TO EXPAND HIS DOMINION.

THAT'S A STRATEGIC LOCATION RIGHT ON THE ROAD TO KYOTO!

HE MUST'VE NEEDED A LOT OF MEN TO SECURE THAT PLACE...!

ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, HE CAN'T HAVE MORE THAN 2000 MEN.

WHAT ?!

THE PROBLEM ISN'T IN THE NUMBER, BUT RATHER IN THE QUALITY OF THE HYAKKA SHINOBI ARMY, WHICH FORMS THE CORE STRENGTH OF HIS FORCES.

THEY ARE RUMORED TO USE INHUMAN NINJUTSU AND WOULD GIVE THEIR LIVES WILLINGLY IN SERVICE OF THEIR LORD...

I'VE HEARD THAT EXCLUDING OUR IGA VILLAGE, THEY ARE CURRENTLY THE SINGLE MOST POWERFUL AND LARGEST GROUP OF KUNOICHI* IN THE LAND.

THE HYAKKA SHINOBI ARMY!

UHM ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

THAT JUST CONFUSES ME EVEN MORE!

HUH?

T/N: KUNOICHI-A FEMALE NINJA.

WHY DID HE GO AFTER KAGARI, WHO'S JUST AN EXTREMELY NAIVE GIRL?

WHY WOULD A MAN WHO ALREADY COMMANDS SUCH AN ARMY OF KUNOICHI BE INTERESTED IN AN AWKWARD JUTSU LIKE THE SHINTAISOU?

HE MIGHT JUST WASTE HIS TIME AND END UP RETURNING KAGARI TO US AFTER A WHILE...

RIGHT... IF HE'S A MAN WHO'S THAT CLUELESS ABOUT A WOMAN'S FEELINGS,

HE DOES NOT NEED ANY OF THAT.

DO YOU THINK SHE COULD MOVE ON SO QUICKLY BEFORE HER BROKEN HEART EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO HEAL?

BE SERIOUS! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT KAGARI HERE!!

WELL... PERHAPS HE WANTS TO TAKE THE MASTER'S PLACE WHILE OUR LORD AND KAGARI AREN'T ON GOOD TERMS...?

HE IS A MAN WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SOMETHING LIKE A WOMAN'S LOVE.

HE HAS NEITHER THE NEED NOR THE INTENTION TO BECOME A MASTER OF THE SHIN-TAIGOU.

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN KABUKI OR WHATEVER HE'S CALLED?

KASU-KA...?

MOST OF THE WOMEN IN THE HYAKKA SHINOBI ARMY SHOULD BE PUPPETS MANIPULATED BY HIS JUTSU AS WELL.

HE USES A JUTSU THAT ORIGINATED FROM THE TANG DYNASTY: *THE BLOOD SEAL.*

HE CAN TATTOO A WOMAN'S BODY WITH BLOOD AND USE THE JUTSU'S POWER TO CONTROL HER AT WILL.

CONTROL WOMEN? WITH TATTOOS?

THEN KASUKA, ARE YOU SAYING KAGARI IS ALSO...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, KASUKA?!

UGH!

KASUKA?!

ANY WOMAN WHO RECEIVES THE BLOOD SEAL BECOMES CAPTIVATED BY THAT MAN.

HE WILL EVEN EXPLOIT KAGARI'S POWER OF THE SHIN-TAIGOU...

THE ONE WHO FACES HIM SHOULD BE ANOTHER MAN!

OTHERWISE, RESCUERS WILL JUST BECOME PRISONERS THEMSELVES.

IF WE DON'T RESCUE KAGARI SOON...

WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET HER BACK...

CALM DOWN, KASUKA! WE'LL GO SMASH HIM AND BRING HER BACK, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT!

YOU JUST WANT US WOMEN TO GO AND FALL INTO HIS POISONOUS CLUTCHES?

WHO WOULD FEAR SUCH A PATHETIC BASTARD? IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH IF WE JUST WENT OURSELVES!

I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, BUT CONTROLLING WOMEN WITH A JUTSU IS JUST ABSURD. IT'S EXACTLY SOMETHING A MAN WHO HAS NO LUCK WITH WOMEN WOULD COME UP WITH.

I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT YOU!

WHAT? DID YOU JUST SAY IDIOT?

WHAT KIND OF IDIOT WOULD GIVE UP HIS LIFE FOR WOMEN HE DOESN'T KNOW IN RETURN FOR SOME COIN?

HIRE MALE NINJAS AND SEND THEM AS A DO-OR-DIE SQUAD INSTEAD?

THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?!

LISTEN WHEN I'M TELLING YOU SOMETHING, YOU MORON!!

STOP SAYING STUPID THINGS AND TRY TO THINK OF A GOOD STRATEGY!

WE SHOULD JUST GO AND FINISH HIM OFF!

IT'S AGAINST OUR PRINCIPLES TO LET SUCH A BASTARD LIVE!

BRING OTHER VILLAGERS INTO THIS AND WE'LL HAVE AN ALL-OUT WAR WITH THE HYAKKA SHINOBI ARMY!

ACTUALLY, THERE IS A MAN WHO FITS THE BILL...

ALL OF YOU, SHUT UP!!

MY LORD! PLEASE STOP! THEY ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MEETING AND...

THIS IS NO TIME TO QUIBBLE OVER THAT!

THIS IS WHY MEN ARE...

HOW CAN YOU NOT GET IT, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SO OLD, MAS-TER?

SEND HIM THERE AND HE'LL JUST GET KILLED!

THERE IS NO WAY KAGARI WOULD WANT TO SEE HIM. AFTER ALL, HE'S THE MAN WHO REJECTED HER MOST VOCIFE-ROUSLY!

SURELY YOU DON'T MEAN THAT FOOL, MASTER?

.....

IT'S KATANA RAIZOU, AND PLEASE PARDON MY INTRUSION!

THE FOOL HAS COME.

....?

KISARAGI AND HIMEMARU-DONO HAVE TOLD ME EVERYTHING. PLEASE ALLOW ME LEAVE!

YES!

YOU WANT TO GO AND RESCUE KAGARI?

JUST WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH KAGARI?

YOU...

BUT BEFORE THAT, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK.

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND YOU ON YOUR DETERMINATION,

I'M SURE KAGARI-DONO IS WAITING FOR ME TO RESCUE HER!

N-NEVER MIND THAT!

DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?

M-MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HER...? THAT'S...

ER,

I DID THIS BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, OF COURSE...

BACK THEN... HOW DID YOU FEEL, WHEN YOU LEARNED THE TRUTH?

MUST YOU ASK IF I REMEMBER IT? EVEN NOW I JUST WANT TO DIE WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT

THEN WHAT ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE KISS?

EVEN AFTER SUCH A FIRM AND OPEN REJEC-TION?

WOULD KAGARI STILL WANT TO SEE YOU,

WHAT KAGARI IS FEELING NOW,

BUT THAT'S A LIE!

DECEIVING KAGARI-DONO LIKE THAT IS-

BUT... WE REALLY DIDN'T KISS...

EVEN THOUGH KAGARI HAS BE-LIEVED ALL THIS TIME THAT THE KISS WAS THE PROOF OF THE BOND YOU SHARED...?

SHOULD BE THE SAME AS WHAT YOU FELT BACK THEN.

MILORD,

YOU DO REMEM-BER YOUR KISS WITH PRINCESS TSUNAMI, DON'T YOU?

HOW I MISUN-DERSTOOD ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION AS A KISS, YOU MEAN?!

BY DENYING THAT KISS, YOU'RE NO LONGER THE MASTER OF KAGARI'S SHIN-TAIGOU AND YOU CAN'T EVEN BE CALLED HER LORD ANYMORE

... DO YOU FINALLY UN-DERSTAND WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE BASICALLY A NOBODY TO KAGARI.

SO WHY WOULD YOU THINK SHE'S WAITING FOR YOU?

HUHU..

KAGARI...

...SA-
GUME,

YOU'VE
COME.

YOU SEEM
TO BE EN-
JOYING
YOUR NEW
TOY.

...YOUR
TONGUE
IS AS
SCATHING
AS EVER.

YOU CAN'T
SEDUCE YOUR
NEW TOY WITH
HIM HANGING
AROUND,
HUH?

ANYWAY,
THERE IS
A MAN I
WANT YOU
TO TAKE
CARE OF.

AHH,
IS THAT
SO?

I CAME
BECAUSE
YOU CALLED
FOR ME.

WELL? I GUESS YOU'RE ASKING ME.

BECAUSE YOU WANT HIM TAKEN CARE OF D.SCREETLY, RATHER THAN KILLING H.M OUTRIGHT?

IT'S AS YOU SAID

AS USUAL, JUUBEI HAS PREPARED THE TARGET'S PROFILE

YEAH?

YOU KNOW WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN YOU ASK SOMEONE FOR A FAVOR, DON'T YOU SEIGAN-KUN?

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN ASK FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD DO IT FOR ME, SAGIME OF THE EVIL TONGUE.

I'LL DO IT.

.....

HE MUST BE BLAMING HIMSELF BELATEDLY FOR WHAT HE DID TO KAGARI.

HIS LORDSHIP HAS BEEN SITTING LIKE THIS IN DARKNESS FOR HOURS

WITHOUT HIS LORDSHIP, IT'LL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO RESCUE HER.

IT'D NOT LIKE HE'D BE LYING, IF HE JUST KEPT IT TO HIMSELF UNTIL HE DIED..

THAT'S FOR MAKING SUCH A NEEDLESS CONFESSION..

WE WOULDN'T BE GOING THROUGH THIS NOW IF HE WAS SOMEONE WHO COULD DO THAT, WOULD WE?

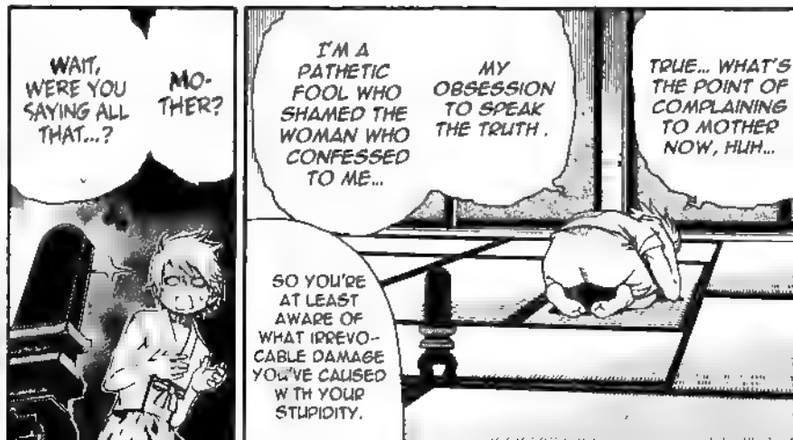
AND JUST AS MASTER SAID, WE HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING IF WE WENT TO RESCUE KAGARI NOW.

ANYWAY, WE CAN DO NOTHING BUT WAIT.

I AM SAGUME OF THE EVIL TONGUE.
I'VE COME HERE TO KILL YOU AS REQUESTED, KATANA RAI-ZOU-KUN.
HOW COULD YOU MISTAKE ME FOR A MORTUARY TABLET?
NOT ONLY ARE YOU STUPID, BUT YOU'RE RUDE AS WELL.

I'M COMPLETELY...
HOPELESS...!
THE PAIN THAT I EXPERIENCED WITH PRINCESS TSUNAMI...
I'M TOO ASHAMED TO SEE HER NOW...
MY DESIRE TO CONFESS HAS PUT KAGARI-DONO THROUGH THE SAME

EVEN IF YOU ASK THAT MORTUARY TABLET, IT WON'T ANSWER YOU BACK.
BECAUSE OF YOU, I...
MOTHER! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO KNOCK ME OUT BACK THEN?


WAIT, WERE YOU SAYING ALL THAT...?
MO-THER?
I'M A PATHETIC FOOL WHO SHAMED THE WOMAN WHO CONFESSED TO ME...
MY OBSESSION TO SPEAK THE TRUTH.
TRUE... WHAT'S THE POINT OF COMPLAINING TO MOTHER NOW, HUH...
SO YOU'RE AT LEAST AWARE OF WHAT IRREVO-CABLE DAMAGE YOU'VE CAUSED W TH YOUR STUPIDITY.

DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.

THAT'S MY LORD'S WISH.

ER, I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING...?

I DON'T INTEND TO KILL YOU.

BUT DON'T WORRY

I SHOULD RUN AWAY FROM HERE!

B-

BUT I NEVER MADE SUCH A REQUEST!

THEN IS SHE...?!

'MY LORD' ...?

WHAT'S THE POINT IN ASKING THAT?

I'VE HEARD EVERY-THING.

AND YOU - DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE ANY RIGHT TO THAT KNOWLEDGE?

THEN PLEASE! IS KAGARI-DONO SAFE?

ARE YOU ONE OF KABUKI SAIGAN'S MEN?

ARE...

COULD YOU AT LEAST TELL ME THAT?

HAVEN'T YOU ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT ANYWAY?

WHY DO YOU DENY IT SO VEHEMENTLY?

YOU'VE DECEIVED HER ALL THIS TIME BY PRETENDING AS IF YOU'D KISSED HER, HAVEN'T YOU?

AND SHE RAN AWAY BECAUSE SHE REALIZED THAT YOU WERE USING HER, RIGHT?

YOU APPROACHED MANY WOMEN WITH YOUR LIES...

SO YOU COULD USE THEM TO FULFILL YOUR GOAL, DIDN'T YOU?

BUT...!

WHATEVER YOUR INTENTIONS WERE, THAT'S HOW IT TURNED OUT.

THAT'S NOT TRUE! I NEVER MEANT TO USE HER...

FOR THAT PLAN OF YOURS TO REVIVE YOUR HOUSE BY MARRYING INTO ANOTHER FAMILY, HMM? *(HUHU.)*

WAAAH!

YOU SURE HAVE A GRAND DREAM.

DEAR ME, FOR AN UGLY DEMON WITH A HORN ON HIS FOREHEAD,

IT'S BECAUSE THEY KNEW YOU APPROA-CHED THEM WITH A FILTHY PURPOSE

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT WHY THAT HAPPENED?

THEY PROBABLY ALL THOUGHT YOU WERE A NUISANCE

NO, THAT WAS FOR THE KUNOICHI...

I DID HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE AT FIRST WITH THOSE LADIES, BUT IN THE END...

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE END?

...I FAILED WITH ALL OF THEM.

THAT CAN'T BE...

THEY SUFFERED...? BECAUSE THEY MET ME...?

YES, THEY SUFFERED.

THAT'S WHY YOU FAILED.

IF YOU NEVER EXISTED, NO ONE WOULD'VE SUFFERED.

I WAS ALWAYS ALONE, AND...

YOU LIVED A MISERABLE LIFE SO YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHER PEOPLE, IS THAT IT?

BUT THAT EXCUSE ISN'T JUST GOOD ENOUGH, NOT AFTER YOU MADE OTHERS SUFFER BECAUSE OF YOU

MY, HOW SELF-RIGHTEOUS YOU ARE.

YOU DIDN'T REALIZE AT ALL, EVEN THOUGH YOU MADE ALL OF THEM CRY?

DO YOU KNOW HOW I CAN KILL A PERSON WITHOUT ACTUALLY TAKING AWAY THEIR LIFE?

BRAIN-WASHING COMPLETE.

AAAA-AAH!!

WITH MY JUTSU, 'MIRROR HELL'

I KILL THEIR MIND.

YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO SHOULD NOT LOVE ANOTHER HUMAN BEING...

AH...

ARGH!

WHY DID YOU SCREAM?!

MILORD?!

AHHH

WHEEZE-

WHEEEZE-

OIO HE HAVE A BAD DREAM OR SOME-THING?

SHOULD I WAKE HIM UP?

!?

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM HERE, KISA-RABI? HIME-MARU?

...AH...

HE JUST LOOKS LIKE HE'S ASLEEP...

MILORD.

WHAT ?

OH

KYAAAH!

WAIT...!

IDIOT! THIS IS REALLY DANGE-ROUS!

LET ME DIE! JUST LET ME DIE...!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S GUN?!

I HAVE NO RIGHT TO LIVE...

AND I ALMOST LOST MY ROPES.

HE ALMOST TOOK MY HARQUE-BUS

IS THIS WHAT HE DOES WHEN YOU TRY TO WAKE HIM UP?!

BUT IT WAS NEVER THIS BAD.

HE WAS ALWAYS ONE TO BLAME HIMSELF.

FOOLS! HE'S FALLEN UNDER THE ENEMY'S NINPO!

THIS IS THE *MIRROR HELL.*

...THE MIRROR... HELL?

DO SOMETHING, MAFU!

THE CHANCE OF SUCCESS IS LOW, BUT THERE IS A HOPE.

T-THEN, MILORD WILL DIE LIKE THIS...?

DIE?!

IT'S A JUTSU THAT COMBINES TORTURE AND HYPOTHETICAL SUGGESTION

THE VICTIM FINDS HIS WHOLE LIFE AND PERSONALITY VILIFIED AND REJECTED BY A TORRENT OF ABUSES AIMED AT HIM

DRIVEN BY DESPAIR HE LOCKS HIMSELF INSIDE A WORLD OF SLEEP

THE NINPO 'DREAM MIRROR'.

WAKE HIM UP FORCEFULLY AND HE'LL TRY TO KILL HIMSELF, BUT IF YOU LEAVE HIM BE HE'LL JUST WITHER AWAY AND DIE.

WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS THE 'WEDGE' THAT PLUNGED HIM INTO THE MIRROR HELL.

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO USE IT, KAMURA.

BUT ISN'T THAT A JUTSU USED FOR COUPLES IN LOVE?

HUH...?

THAT WOULD BE A NICE TURN OF EVENTS.

.....!

IT'LL BE A GOOD IMPROVEMENT, IF ONLY FOR KAGARI'S SAKE.

THEN HIS *LOVE* IS THE DETERMINING FACTOR WHETHER OR NOT HE CAN BREAK FREE FROM THE JUTSU.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER HE MEETS THE WOMEN FROM HIS PAST?

... I HAD NO IDEA!

YES!

ACTUALLY, THIS COULD BE AN OP-PORTUNITY FOR HIM TO BECOME A BETTER MAN!

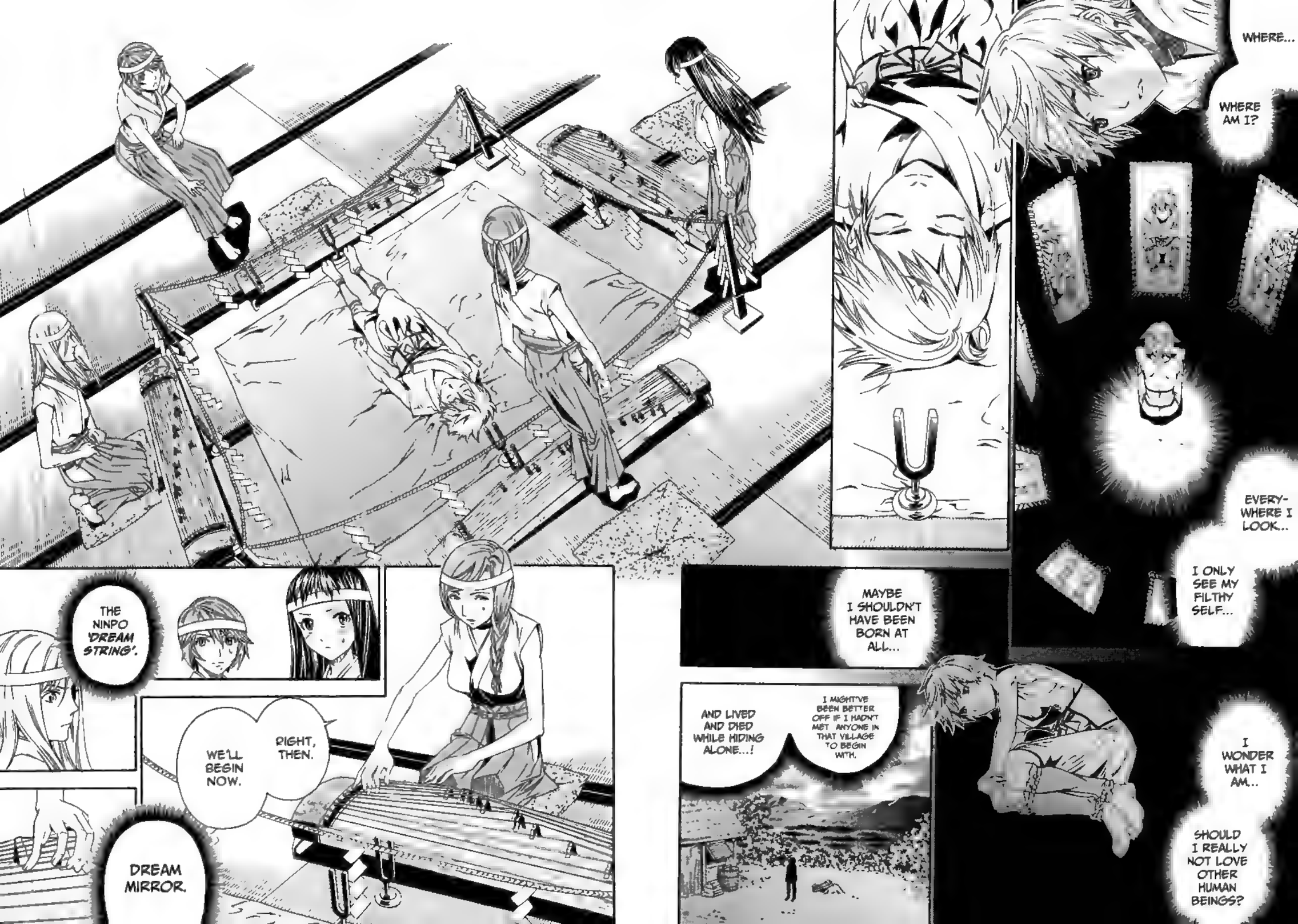
HERE, TAKE THIS TUNING FORK, AND...

GET STARTED!

WE'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR US!

KA-KAMURA SENPAI!

YOU GIRLS SPEAK AS IF THIS IS SOMEONE ELSE'S BUSINESS, BUT YOU MUST TAKE PART AS WELL.


WHERE...
WHERE AM I?
EVERY-WHERE I LOOK...
I ONLY SEE MY FILTHY SELF...
I WONDER WHAT I AM...
SHOULD I REALLY NOT LOVE OTHER HUMAN BEINGS?
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BORN AT ALL...
I MIGHT'VE BEEN BETTER OFF IF I HADN'T MET ANYONE IN THAT VILLAGE TO BEGIN WITH.
AND LIVED AND DIED WHILE HIDING ALONE...!
THE NINPO 'DREAM STRING'.
RIGHT, THEN.
WE'LL BEGIN NOW.
DREAM MIRROR.

BEGIN.
WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED?
!!?
GET UP ALREADY, HERO-DONO!
OWWW!
UGH...?!
HUH?!
ISN'T THIS-?
P-PRINCESS HIBARI?!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HERO-DONO!
CAN'T YOU HEAR ME CALLING YOU?
B-BUT HOW COME YOU'RE HERE?!
WHAT?
BUT AREN'T YOU UNHAPPY TO SEE ME, PRINCESS?
I BET YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK ABOUT SOMEONE LIKE ME.
WHAT'S WITH THAT REACTION? AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO SEE HIBARI?
N-NO, IT'S NOT THAT...!

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE TO ME FOR.
YOU SAVED MY COUNTRY, MY LIFE AND MY FATHER'S LIFE...
AND YOU EVEN TAUGHT ME TO HOW TO PLAY KEMARI.
HERO-DONO HIMSELF.
YOU'RE THE ONE I DREAMED OF MEETING,
NOW, COULD YOU WIPE AWAY THOSE TEARS AND GIVE ME A SMILE?

I'M SO SORRY TO HAVE DECEIVED YOU BACK THEN!
IT MUST'VE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO DEAL WITH A MONSTER WITH A HORN ON HIS FOREHEAD, RIGHT...?!
I'M VERY SORRY...!

I-I'M SORRY! I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE, BUT I WASN'T IN THE RIGHT STATE OF MIND...
AND IS THAT WHY YOU RAN AWAY FROM ME?

...
IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE THINKING?

WHY DON'T YOU EVEN TRY TO ASK WHAT MY HEART FEELS?
...THAT'S NOT IT.
STUPID...

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

HAH! I SEE AN OPENING!

OUCH ...?!

YOU CAN'T EVEN BLOCK SUCH A SIMPLE ATTACK?

DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU PROMISED THAT YOU'LL BECOME STRONG ONE DAY AND FIGHT IZUNA?

PRINCESS IZUNA?!

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?!

I-I DON'T THINK I HIT YOU THAT HARD...

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE CRYING BECAUSE IT ACTUALLY HURT...?

BUT I FEEL SO GUILTY.

YOU COULDN'T BECOME THE SUCCESSOR BECAUSE OF ME, IZUNA-SAMA...

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF ME...

I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING SO MUCH TROUBLE...

WHAT?

YOU WASTED PRECIOUS TIME TRAINING ME DURING THE 'TRIALS OF SUCCESSION'..

..SO YOU WERE HAVING SUCH SILLY THOUGHTS?

I'M SAYING I WAS HAPPY!!!

THE DAYS I SPENT WITH YOU... THEY WEREN'T SO BAD...

..HUH?

I-IT'S... IT'S JUST THE WAY I AM, SO...

AH... EVEN NOW...

WHEN DID I EVER GET ANGRY AT YOU, HUH?!

AND DIDN'T YOU TELL ME TO 'LEAVE' IN THE END?

BUT YOU GOT REALLY ANGRY,

...AND YOU WANTED TO FIGHT ME WHEN WE MEET AGAIN...

THE MAN WHO SAVED MY COUNTRY, THE ONE WHO SAVED ME!!

YOU...

I WANTED TO THANK YOU PROPERLY, RAIZOU!!

.....

...UGH.

I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD MEET AGAIN IN FIVE YEARS,

I...

...BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BECOME STRONGER. YOU'RE FINE AS YOU ARE.

BUT PLEASE COME AND SEE IZUNA AGAIN.

I... I'LL ALWAYS BE WAITING FOR YOU.

BUT I WON'T WAIT.

...PRINCESS TSUNAMI...?

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD RUN AWAY FROM THE PIRATE PRINCESS?

ALL THE SEAS ARE CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER!

EEK!!

P-PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

PFFT-!! YOU AREN'T GETTING AWAY FROM ME AGAIN!

FOR MISTAKING ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION FOR KISSING.

I.. I WAS SO ASHAMED OF IT, AND..

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME!

YOU MUST THINK I'M SO PATHETIC

Y-YES ...

YEAH?

IS THAT WHY YOU LEFT ME BACK THEN?

I'LL MAKE SURE TO CATCH YOU THIS TIME,

AND TELL YOU ABOUT MY TRUE FEELINGS!

IS SHE LAUGHING AT ME AGAIN?!

PU-HA-HA-HA-HA!!

AND WHO HELPED ME TO FIGHT AND OVERCOME IT...

YOU'RE A MAN WHO ACCEPTED MY PAST,

OH DEAR.. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU JUST THINK TOO MUCH OR ARE BEING OVERLY DRAMATIC

I THOUGHT MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I WASN'T AS GOOD AS HER

BUT ANYWAY, I SURE FELL FOR A WEIRD MAN!

..HUH?

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW WE MET.

WOULD I LOOK DOWN ON A MAN LIKE THAT? WOULD I?!

IF IT'S THE KISS THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT,

THEN WHEN WE MEET AGAIN, I'LL GIVE YOU A *PROPER* ONE!

I'M NEVER GOING TO LET YOU GO AGAIN, RAIZOU.

YES, WORK UP YOUR COURAGE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S MAKING YOU HESITATE,

BUT FEEL FREE TO THINK OF EZUMI AS GOD AND TELL ME WHAT BOTHERS YOU!

THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL EZUMI-SAN, RATHER THAN GOD.

SO... PLEASE STAND STILL FOR A MOMENT.

WAIT!

HUH ?!

E-EZUMI-SAN?!

HERE I AM, MR. WANDERING SHEEP! ♥

WERE YOU ALSO UNHAPPY TO HAVE MET ME, EZUMI-SAN?

HUH? WHY?

BECAUSE I MADE YOU CRY AND... SINCE YOU WENT THROUGH A LOT OF THINGS BECAUSE OF ME..

HMM RIGHT.

THEN DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU HOW I REALLY FEEL?

PLEASE DO.

THIS IS A SECRET FROM EVERY-ONE,

BUT ON THAT DAY WHEN WE BADE EACH OTHER GOODBYE,

DO YOU KNOW WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH MY HEAD, RAIZOU-KUN?

...THAT YOU'RE RELIEVED TO FINALLY GET RID OF SOMEONE LIKE ME?

(HAHAHAHA.)

AHH!

IF I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, I WOULD'VE BECOME THE PRINCESS!

THEN I COULD'VE BEEN TOGE-THER WITH RAIZOU-KUN.

...ONLY FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, THOUGH.

BUT I HAD THE CHURCH,

AND YOU HAD SOMEONE PRECIOUS.

SO I SUP-PRESSED MY FEELINGS.

SOMEONE PRECIOUS?

WEREN'T YOU WORRIED BECAUSE OF THAT GIRL?

YOU KNOW, RAIZOU-KUN.

A PERSON'S FEELINGS FOR ANOTHER DON'T DISAPPEAR JUST BECAUSE SHE HAD A LITTLE SHOCK.

I'M SURE THAT THIS GIRL IS WAITING FOR YOU.

HOW DO YOU...?

WE KNOW.

AND FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM.
WE MET THE SAME MAN...
BECAUSE-

KASARI-DONO IS.
PLEASE. TAKE ME TO WHERE...
MASTER, OROCHI-SAMA...

NII-SAMA, ARE YOU AWAKE?!
LORD RAIZOU!!
MILORD!!
MILORD!

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE LONGER KAGARI'S LORD OR ANYTHING ELSE?

EVEN THOUGH SHE MIGHT NOT WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN?

YES.

YES.

NOR AS HER LORD,

SO, NOT AS THE MASTER OF HER SHIN-TAIGOU,

BUT JUST AS A MAN...

I WANT TO TELL KAGARI-DONO...

THE THINGS THAT I COULDN'T TELL HER BECAUSE OF MOTHER!

WHAT...?

THE THINGS YOU COULDN'T TELL HER...?!

I FEEL A SENSE OF LONGING.
AND WE TALKED FOR A WHILE.
...I JUST HAD A DREAM OF HERO-DONO.
IT SEEMS I SAW RAIZOU IN THE DREAM...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HER?
I-I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY-THING LIKE THAT!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU...
T-
THAT'S ...
I'M GOING TELL KAGARI-DONO IN PERSON WHEN I MEET HER, SO...
SPOILSPORT~!!
HUH...?

Random Scanlation Presents:

A Desperate Leecher: Part 1

JAPANESE TRANSLATOR NEEDED!

This is a desperate leecher...

No... New... Chapters? .....

No one means no help, means no chapters!

Ehh? What do you mean?!

There's no one..

To help.

Well... You see... Um... Sigh~

Then why don't you join and help us?!

But... I'll die without them...